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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**TERRE HAUTE MAN CHARGED FOR DISTRIBUTION OF  
COCAINE BASE**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSEPH M. CHERRY a/k/a Sonny, 35, Terre Haute, Indiana, was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting in Indianapolis for distributing in excess of five grams of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of cocaine base, following an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Vigo County Drug Task Force and Vincennes Police Department. The indictment alleges that Cherry made six separate deliveries of crack cocaine.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who is prosecuting the case for the government, CHERRY faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 40 years and a maximum possible fine of \$2,000,000. Following a hearing held on January

13, 2006 before Jordan D. Lewis, U.S. Magistrate Judge, CHERRY was released pending disposition of this case.

**The indictment is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.**

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